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## Allen Dulles on the Stalin Maneuvers

The explanation given by Allen W. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, of the current downgrading of Stalin by the Russian hierarchy, seems highly plausible. Dulles told a meeting of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council that the current Russian rulers are using Stalin as a "convenient devil" to account for various Russian failures but retaining some of the worst features of his policies by renaming them as "Leninism."

Stalin's bellicose attitude alienated the world and caused various combinations to arise against Russia, while his repressions at home caused dissatisfaction among the Russian public which ex-

tended even to higher officialdom. But the Politburo are unwilling to give up one-party rule or complete subordination of the courts and individual rights to them; they wish to continue the harsh dictatorship without seeming to.

Dulles told his audience that he is convinced that Russia will avoid major war if possible, but will continue intrigue and harassing maneuvers.

There is a possibility, which Dulles did not mention, that allowing the Russian people a certain amount of freedom, as is being done at present, will produce a ferment that will wreck the dictatorship. But that may be a long time in the future and it cannot be counted on.